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TAGS: PINT, PINS, BG  
SUBJECT: NO REPORTED INCIDENTS ON AUGUST 15

1. THE AUGUST 15 ANNIVERSARY OF SHEIKH MUJIB'S DEATH PASSED IN DACCA APPARENTLY WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT. ADDITIONAL POLICEMEN STATIONED AT THE ROAD JUNCTURE LEADING TO SHEIKH MUJIB'S RESIDENCE WERE THE ONLY VISIBLE SIGN THAT THE BDG HAD INCREASED SECURITY FOR THE DAY. THERE ARE NO REPORTS SO FAR OF SERIOUS TROUBLE OCCURRING ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY.

2. FOR SEVERAL DAYS THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PUBLICIZING THE ARRESTS OF "MISCREANTS INFILTRATED FROM ACROSS THE BORDER." FOR INSTANCE, THE PRESS REPORTED THAT ON THE NIGH OF AUGUST 13 THE ARMY KILLED FIVE OF A GROUP OF SIX MISCREANTS WHO WERE TRYING TO BLOW UP A BRIDGE ON THE TANGAILGA MYMENSINGH ROAD. THE CAPTURED MISCREANT ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED THAT HIS GROUP HAD BEEN TRAINED IN DUMNI CAMP IN MEGHALAYA. AND ON AUGUST 11, THE POLICE REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF SEVERAL GROUPS IN DURGAPUR, NAKLA AND DOBAURA THANAS OF NORTHERN MYMENSINGH. THE POLICE WERE SAID TO HAVE RECOVERED FROM THESE GROUPS "13,807 PREJUDICIAL LEAFLETS PRINTED OUTSIDE OF BANGLADESH AND KHAKI AND BLUE UNIFORMS." (FYI: BLUE SHIRTS AND KHAKI TROUSERS ARE THE UNIFORM OF THE DACCA  
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METROPOLITAN POLICE.) THERE WERE ALSO PUBLISHED REPORTS OF

ARRESTS OF MISCREANTS IN OTHER AREAS, PARTICULARLY RANGPUR AND KULNA.

3. COMMENT. THESE PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE HAD DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF MISCREANT ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN MYMENSINGH, TANGAIL, KULNA AND THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS. UNDERGROUND GROUPS HAVE OPERATED WITHIN BANGLADESH SINCE INDEPENDENCE; IN MUJIB'S TIME THEY WERE PRINCIPALLY LEFT EXTREMISTS OF A "MAOIST" OR "NAXALITE" ORIENTATION. NOW THAQ ARE SAID TO BE JSD SUPPORTERS AND MUJIBITES. INFORMATION ABOUT THEHJUMBERS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CURRENT ARMED DISSIDENTS IS TOO SCANT TO PERMIT AN ESTIMATE OF THE THREAT THEY POSE TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THEY APPEAR TO BE OPERATING IN A MANNER REMINISCENT OF THE EARLIER GROUPS, ISOLATED ATTACKS ON LOCAL OFFICIALS AND SECURITY FORCES PERSONNEL AND ATTEMPTS AT SABOTAGE.  
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